

Town of Herndon
*Enriching the Quality of Life and
 Promoting a Sense of Community*

Talk of the Town

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Mayor's Office Hours

Mayor Steve DeBenedittis meets with citizens by appointment. To schedule an appointment with the Mayor, contact the Town Clerk's office at 703/435-6804.

Steve DeBenedittis Mayor

TOWN COUNCIL

Dennis D. Husch
 Connie H. Hutchinson
 David Kirby
 Harlon Reece
 William Tirrell Sr.
 Charlie Waddell

Public Hearings

Planning Commission

Monday, December 3, 7pm

Town Council

Tuesday, December 11, 7pm

All meetings are held in the Herndon Council Chambers located at 765 Lynn Street. The Town of Herndon does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to its programs or activities. The Herndon Council Chambers are accessible to persons with physical disabilities. Translation services or assistance to persons with disabilities may be requested with at least ten days notice.

"Dress Up Herndon" for the Holidays

Town of Herndon residents are invited to deck the halls, hang wreaths, string lights – and nominate their own or their neighbors' homes for the second annual "Dress Up Herndon for the Holidays" Neighborhood Decoration Contest, sponsored by the Town's Cultivating Community Initiative.

The contest is open to all Town residents and nominations should be forwarded by Thursday, December 6, to Meg Murphy at Margaret.murphy@herndon-va.gov or 703/435-6800 x2084.

The judging panel, made up of volunteer citizen members of the Cultivating Community committee, will circulate throughout the Town on Monday evening, December 10, to determine contest winners. Judges will be looking for classical design, traditional themes, whimsical or creative decorations and more. Decorations on all nominated homes must be easily visible from the street.

Contest winners will be presented on the evening of the 10th with a festive sign, suitable for display; acknowledged at the Town Council's public hearing on December 11; and formally recognized by Mayor Stephen J. DeBenedittis and the Town Council at the January 15, 2008 public hearing. Photographs of winning homes will also be posted on the Town's website and circulated to local media.

The Cultivating Community Initiative is a program designed to encourage beautification and enrich the quality of life in the Town of Herndon's neighborhoods. Events produced by Cultivating Community include the Yard of the Month Awards, the Good Neighbor Awards, Neighborhood Celebration Month and the Herndon Garden Tour. All programs are developed through the input of citizen volunteers.



TOWN WINTER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Town of Herndon government offices and services will be impacted by the Christmas and New Year's holidays as follows:

Town Offices

Open Friday, December 21
 Closed Monday, December 24
 Closed Tuesday, December 25
 Closed Tuesday, January 1

Refuse Collection

Refuse normally collected on Monday will be collected as scheduled

Refuse normally collected on Tuesday will be collected Thursday, December 27

Recycling normally collected on Wednesday will be collected as scheduled, Wednesday December 26

Refuse normally collected on Monday and Tuesday will be collected on Monday, December 31 for both days -- Monday, December 31 and Tuesday, January 1

Herndon Community Center

Open Friday, December 21
 Open Monday, December 24 – 6 am to 4 pm
 Closed Tuesday, December 25
 Closed Tuesday, January 1

Herndon Centennial Golf Course

Open Monday, December 24 – 8am to 4 pm
 Closed Tuesday, December 25
 Open Tuesday, January 1 – 8am to 5pm

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HERNDON'S FALL LEAF COLLECTION EXTENDED UNTIL DECEMBER 21



Leaf collection throughout the Town has been extended due to the lateness of the leaf falling season this year. Citizens may pile leaves at curbside, without bagging them, for pickup through December 21. Any leaves collected following that date must be bagged for pickup. Leaves should be raked as close to the curb as possible without blocking storm drains or sidewalks or impeding vehicular traffic. Following the extended fall collection, leaves must be placed in 30 gallon kraft recyclable bags and will be picked up on regular trash/ yard waste collection days. For more information, contact the Town Shop at 703/435-6860.

Dedication Ceremony at Chestnut Grove Cemetery Set for December 9

A dedication ceremony for the newly constructed administration and maintenance facilities at the Chestnut Grove Cemetery, 831 Dranesville Road, will be held on Sunday, December 9 at 1pm. All are invited to attend. A new administration building has been constructed at the cemetery, providing onsite office and administrative space for the cemetery manager and staff. A new maintenance facility has also been constructed to provide appropriate space for the grounds crews that maintain the cemetery property. The improvement project included providing full utilities (water, sewer, electricity, and communications) for the cemetery, new roadways, storm water management facilities, parking areas and several widened roadways. Brick and stone pathways, a new mausoleum, two new columbaria, and garden urn plots have been added to the ½ acre park area in the cemetery. To RSVP for the dedication ceremony, please contact the Town Clerk's office at town.clerk@herndon-va.gov or 703/435-6804.

REGISTER FOR THE HERNDON NEIGHBORHOOD COLLEGE Community Leadership Program Runs January through March 2008

Registration for the Town of Herndon's annual Neighborhood College is underway. This unique, seven week community leadership program features hands-on activities that build organizational, problem solving and leadership skills; participants apply these skills toward strengthening neighborhoods and promoting a strong sense of community. Through a combination of lectures, group discussion, role-playing and field work, participants learn how to run effective meetings; influence local government programs and impact the decision making process; to navigate cross-cultural dynamics; access Town and County services; and organize communities into action.

There is no charge to attend the seven week course, which will be held on Monday evenings, January 28 through March 10, 2008, from 6:30 -9pm. There will also be a workshop on Saturday, February 23, from 9am to 4pm. Classes will be held at the Neighborhood Resource Center, 1086 Elden Street; a light dinner will be provided each evening and a continental breakfast and lunch during the Saturday workshop.

To register, call the Neighborhood Resources office at 703/435-6800 X2200, or download an application at www.herndon-va.gov, "What's New."

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Visit www.herndon-va.gov for information on all events.

Winter Tracks of Sugarland Run Saturday, December 8, 10am-11:30am Runnymede Park

Families of all ages are invited on this exploration to look for tracks, scat, and signs of wildlife. Participants will make a plaster track cast to take home and will learn about wildlife habitats in the park. Fee: \$7 per family. 703/787-7300.

Winter Light: A Celtic Solstice Celebration by the Ocean Quintet Saturday, December 8, 8pm Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive

In a program featuring 12th century Irish Christmas carols, stirring Scottish pipe tunes, 19th century broadside songs, Irish jigs and reels, French and English carols, and original seasonal compositions, the OCEAN Quintet will transport attendees to the warmth of Yuletide celebrations of yore with their soaring Celtic vocals and high energy instrumentals. The OCEAN Quintet is led by composer and ethnomusicologist Jennifer Cutting (accordion and keyboards) and features vocalists Grace Griffith and Lisa Moscatiello, Baltimore fiddler Rosie Shipley, and award-winning bagpiper Bob Mitchell. Tickets are available at the Herndon Community Center. Tickets: \$10. 703/787-7300.

Santa's Workshop Saturday, December 15, 11am-1pm Herndon Community Center

Holiday fun for children ages 3 & up. Cost includes a visit with Santa, holiday tattoos, games, and lunch. Parent participation encouraged. Registration deadline- Monday, December 10. Fee: \$7 per child, \$3 per adult if eating lunch. 703/787-7300.



Lifeguard Training Class

December 22, 2pm -4pm and December 26-30 9am - 5pm
Herndon Community Center

American Red Cross lifeguard training for ages 15 and older. The course includes rescue techniques, first aid and CPR/AED for the professional rescuer. To participate, registrants must pass a pre-course swimming test that includes a 500 yard continuous swim consisting of 200 yards of freestyle, 100 yards of breaststroke, and 200 yards of either freestyle or breaststroke; swimming 20 yards to retrieve a 10 pound brick from a depth of 12 feet of water; and returning 20 yards with the brick swimming on back using legs only. Students must attend all class sessions to pass this course. Fee: \$180 (TOH)/\$225(NR). 703/787-7300.

New Year's Eve Scramble Tournament

December 31, 10am shotgun start
Herndon Centennial Golf Course

Four person captain's choice format. Entry fee (includes green fee, cart, range balls, prizes and lunch): \$60 per person. 703/471-5769.